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**SENATOR GREGG SECURES \$21.9 MILLION FOR SEACOAST REGION  
DEFENSE CONTRACTS IN PENTAGON FUNDING BILL**

*Bill also includes \$248M for refueling at PNS and \$150M for breast cancer research nationwide*

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH), a member of the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee today announced that he has included \$110 million in federal funding for Granite State defense initiatives in the Fiscal Year 2004 Senate Defense Appropriations bill approved by the full Senate Appropriations Committee today, including \$21.9 million for companies based in the Seacoast Region. Senator Gregg was also able to include an additional \$248 million to conduct an engineering refueling overhaul of the USS Jacksonville at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Senator Gregg strongly supported \$150 million for continued breast cancer research nationwide that is in the bill as well. A list of the Seacoast Region projects is attached. The measure provides \$368.6 billion in discretionary spending for the Pentagon, including a 4.5% pay raise for military personnel and a funding increase in basic allowance for housing to reduce out of pocket costs from 7.5%. The measure is now ready for consideration by the entire Senate, expected to be this month.

Senator Gregg stated, "The men and women of our armed forces around the nation and around the world continue to conduct themselves with bravery and valor. They are able to carry out their duties by relying on the finest military and safety equipment in the world, and today's Appropriations Committee vote entrusts New Hampshire companies with a crucial role in keeping our military personnel safe. For years companies from our state have risen to the challenge when asked by our military to provide the most technologically-advanced equipment available, and I am pleased to see the Senate once again call on Granite Staters to help our armed forces."

In addition to the overhaul of the USS Jacksonville, the measure includes \$28.9 million to be divided between the four U.S. Naval Shipyards for the Naval Shipyard Apprentice Program. Senator Gregg recently announced the FY04 Military Construction Appropriations bill currently working its way through the Senate includes \$7.6 million he included for two projects which affect the Granite State: \$6.1 million for a new fire, crash and rescue station on the Pease Air National Guard Base in Newington and \$1.5 million for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's Structural Shop Consolidation Project.

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**NH Seacoast Region-based Projects in FY 2004 Department of Defense Appropriations Bill  
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**Seacoast**

**Autonomous Undersea Systems Institute**, Lee - \$1 million for research leading to the development and qualification of a network of long endurance, unmanned, underwater vehicles for the U.S. Navy.

**Noesis, Inc.**, Dover - \$8.7 million to accelerate and expand the installation of high performance brush technology in motors and motor-generators in U.S. Navy nuclear submarines.

**Nova Technology**, Portsmouth - \$2 million to continue development of a new device to be used by the military to evaluate the degree of shock/trauma in battlefield casualties. The capability will result in better critical care for combatants and help save lives.

**Planning Systems Inc.**, Portsmouth - \$3 million for continued development of submarine combat control architecture to provides interfaces between all of the components in the submarine combat control system for the U.S. Navy.

**Portsmouth Naval Shipyard**, Portsmouth - \$248 million for an engineering refueling overhaul of the USS Jacksonville, SSN 699, which would be accomplished at Portsmouth. In addition, the Committee included \$28.9 million to be apportioned between the four U.S. Naval Shipyards for the highly successful Naval Shipyard Apprentice Program and the Committee directed the Navy to induct classes of no fewer than 125 apprentices at each of the four naval shipyards in FY 2004.

**University of New Hampshire**, Durham - \$2.5 million for research and development leading to better marine coatings to prevent biofouling of ship hulls and corrosion of all steel surfaces in the harsh marine environment. A variety of new technologies are emerging that suggest the possibility of engineering new coating systems with dramatically improved performance.

**Wastech International, Inc.** Portsmouth - \$1.7 million to complete testing of a prototype deployable field microwave wastewater treatment system to help the U.S. Army reduce the overall logistical footprint of temporary base camps. Wastech International is a leader in developing this technology for residential and military applications.

**Wilcox Industries**, Portsmouth - \$3 million for production of dual mode breathing systems for use by U.S. Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal technicians when locating, identifying, disabling and/or destroying munition devices. Wilcox Industries manufactures items of this type and can compete for these procurement requirements.